

FRANCHISE FOR NEW COMPANY WINS—12 TO 3

Street Committee Recommends That Application Be Granted

FIGHT NOW GOES TO CITY COUNCIL

Amendments Give Council Power to Compel Extensions Into Outlying Territory, but Enforcement Admitted by Lawyers to Be Open to Litigation.

How They Voted.

Ayes—Hiller, Don Leavy, Gunn, Haddon, Jones, Kain, Moore, Nelson, Powers, Sullivan, Whitaker, Adams—12.
Noes—Ferguson, Pollock, Vonderlehr—3.
Absent—Miller.

By a vote of 12 to 3, the Committee on Streets, at 7 o'clock last night, recommended to the Council the passage of an ordinance granting to the Richmond and Henrico Railway Company a franchise to sell electric light and power in competition with the company already in the field. With the exception of several important modifications in the first four subsections under section eight, the model franchise reported by the subcommittee was adopted without change.

Most of the debate centered about the question of compelling the grantees, after the award of the franchise, to extend its lines and service to the command of the Council Committee on Streets. Assistant City Attorney George Wayne Anderson gave it as his opinion that notwithstanding the fact that the franchise contained an express provision conferring that right, any attempt on the part of the City Council or its Committee on Streets to compel extensions which the company was unwilling to make might be made the subject of litigation.

Thought Blanket Franchise Legal.
In a written opinion submitted to the committee, Colonel Anderson held that while a blanket franchise such as was proposed by the committee was not a new thing, it was at the same time open to serious objection. Difficulty, he thought, might be experienced in enforcing extensions. Instead of a blanket franchise he favored one in which definite streets or sections of the city are named within which the company could be required to furnish service by a certain fixed time after the granting of the franchise.

Failing the adoption of a plan along these lines, Colonel Anderson offered a substitute to subsection 2 of section 8 of the franchise under consideration with the view of removing as far as possible the objectionable features which it contained. With the amendments provided by this substitute, he thought the absolute control of the Council over the franchise, and the franchise freed from its worst features.

Gives Council Full Power.
The substitute was put to a vote and adopted. In effect it is an amplification of a substitute for the same section proposed by Samuel L. Kelley, of the Richmond and Henrico Company. It is, however, more thoroughgoing and seeks to conserve to the Council the absolute control of all future extensions. On this point the adopted section reads:

"The Council of the city of Richmond shall have power at any time and from time to time to prescribe routes covering any portion of the territory of the said city, and extending through any of the said streets and alleys, and to require the said grantees to construct the necessary distribution system, and erect the necessary poles, wires, conduits, and other fixtures, and to sell and deliver electric current to any person within said territory applying therefor, notwithstanding it may be true that a compliance with such requirement may not be profitable and will result in a pecuniary loss to the grantee."

"It is the intention of this provision to clothe the said Council with absolute power to require the grantee to sell and deliver electric current in any and all sections of the city of Richmond, and the construction of the distribution system necessary therefor, whenever and to whatever extent the said Council shall deem reasonable and necessary."

The section provides further that construction on any such distribution system shall begin within three months and be completed within six months after date of such requirement. A clause providing that the rates shall not exceed those charged by any other public service corporation within the same territory was upon the suggestion of Mr. Kelley modified by the fixing of a maximum charge of 10 cents per kilowatt hour—the top rate of the Virginia Railway and Power Company.

Must Complete in Twelve Months.
In the face of vigorous opposition by Attorney Henry W. Anderson, for the Virginia Railway and Power Company, the committee adopted the Kelley substitute for subsection 1 of section 8, making it compulsory upon the new company to have completed within twelve months from the final approval of the ordinance, machinery for the generation of light and power.

GO IN TO BATTLE HOPING FOR BEST, FEARING WORST

Taft Men and Roosevelt Men Buoyed Up for Fray.

SCENE OF CARNAGE MAY BE FRIGHTFUL

Something Must Give Way, but It May Be Nothing More Serious Than Colonel's Vocabulary or Dixon's Temper. Convention Horoscope as Cast by Blythe.

BY SAMUEL G. BLYTHE.

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Chicago, Ill., June 17.—The Taft men and the Roosevelt men are going into the convention to-morrow morning with each hoping for the best and both fearing the worst. Hope, having sprung eternal in the human breast since those far-away days when Senator Borah last cut his hair, has extended her repertoire and is doing double flippers in the numerous collection of partisan breasts in Chicago, in addition to her well-known and justly celebrated springs.

Life, of course, would be a dreary affair without hope, but political life for Taft leaders and Roosevelt leaders without this inspiration would be impossible. The consequence is that this struggle, which as all our best literary lights say, will become historic in the annals of our politics, has developed a line of hopes that whom the world has seen no superior. Lacking definite knowledge of what will be the outcome of the fight, they have all turned to the consolation of hope, aided and abetted by a claiming department that works slowly and continuously and claims everything in sight, out of sight or however slight.

Perplexing Situation.

This is perplexing to the students of the situation, for when it is discovered that Senator Dixon announces firmly that Mr. Roosevelt will have 582 votes on the ballot that shall decide whether Mr. Root's high tenor voice, or the clear baritone of Senator Borah shall keynote the occasion, and immediately thereafter Mr. McKinley shouts to the eager world that Mr. Taft will have 600 votes at the same instant, a hurried computation shows that the sum of these is some hundred votes more than there are in the convention, and obviously leaves Mr. La Follette, with his stern and rockbound thirty-six, and Senator Cummins, with his ten voting before his very eyes, and the humiliation of Mr. McKinley would be hard to follow to see if he should observe his bunch of 578 falling from view and rounding up the 500 mark. Perhaps they have increased the size of the convention, a most ingenious manner of providing for their phrases. But that remains to be seen.

Plans Unfolded.
What Monday developed in the way of the greatest interest was the gradual unfolding of the plan of campaign. Briefly stated, the plan of campaign is this: First, those persons who came here expecting to participate in a love feast are hereby warned that the advance notices from both sides announce battle, murder and sudden death. As far as can be learned, Victor Roosevelt intends to open the proceedings militantly. Possessed of a well modulated voice of pleasing timbre, it is his intention to step forward precisely at noon on Tuesday, and after rapping three times with his gavel, say: "Gentlemen! That, it is understood, is about as far as Mr. Roosevelt will advance along political lines."

If reports are to be believed, the plot will start at that moment, and in fifteen minutes the fighting will be general along the front. No man can tell, it is said, what will happen. One prophesying is that Colonel Roosevelt, having brought his trusty axe from Oyster Bay, will appear on the scene and chop a few sections out of the Hon. William Barnes, of New York, while the other side has put it in circulation that the ferocious Murray Cram will climb aboard the Hon. William Plinn and lacerate him in full view of all those who are on the spot.

Be all this as it may, the fact is there is not a coat of mail left in Chicago, and various statesmen and patriots have rented helmets from the gallant fire ladders in order to protect the most useless portions of their anatomies—their heads.

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Theodore Roosevelt, centre of turmoil in Chicago.

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ORDERS POLICE TO ARREST SPEEDERS

Commissioners Direct Major Werner to Begin New and Vigorous Crusade To-Day.

Motor Car Drivers Who Are Convicted Hereafter Can Be Sent to Jail.

Instructions will be issued this morning by Chief of Police Werner to officers to arrest all persons driving automobiles or motorcycles above the speed limit, instead of merely summoning them to Police Court. Major Werner was directed to take this step at a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners held last night.

This action by the board was brought about by the frequent violations of the ordinance by motorists. Under the city code they cannot be placed under arrest, but under State statute they can, and it is under this law that the commissioners acted.

According to the ordinance, speeders may be fined only for violations, but according to the State law they may be fined, placed in jail, or both.

Not to Stop There.
It is not the intention of the commissioners to stop with this action in their efforts to put an end to fast driving within the city limits. An ordinance amending the present law governing the operation of motor cars and requiring an examination of all persons desiring to drive cars or motorcycles will be recommended to the City Council for adoption.

If the amended law is passed every person driving a motor-propelled vehicle will be required to pass an examination to be prescribed by the Police Board and secure from the Chief of Police a license and badge, which must be worn at all times in a conspicuous place. The number of the badge and permit will be registered at police headquarters. Every person obtaining a badge and permit must pay \$2, and all fees collected under this provision, after the necessary expense payment, will be turned over to the Police Benevolent Association.

The last provision is intended to make officers more alert in capturing violators of the speed laws.

New Ordinance Framed.
The ordinance as it will be presented to the Council, is as follows:

Be it ordained by the Council of the city of Richmond:

1. That subsection 2 of section 1 of an ordinance approved July 23, 1905, entitled "An ordinance to regulate the running of automobiles, locomobiles and other vehicles and con-

PLANS LAID FOR BOLT AT GO-OFF

Drastic Measures Are Adopted at Meeting of Roosevelt Leaders.

Nothing Less Than 540 of Uncontested Delegates Will Be Considered Binding.

Chicago, June 18.—The Roosevelt delegates in caucus early this morning voted that it was the sense of the meeting that nothing less than 540 of the uncontested delegates could be regarded as a binding majority of the Republican National Convention. This was construed by the delegates present as meaning, as one of them put it, "a bolt at the go-off."

The meeting adopted the text of a long telegram to President Taft, appealing to him to disavow the action of the national committee in its defeat of the Roosevelt contestants. The telegram was held up after being given out in order to get the approval of Senator Dixon.

The resolution in full, which was unanimously supported by delegates from nearly every State which was carried by Roosevelt, is as follows:

"Resolved, That no election of temporary or other officers of this convention or resolution or other proceeding shall be taken as the act of this convention or have any effect unless it shall receive on a roll call the affirmative votes of 540 delegates whose seats are uncontested, and this resolution shall govern and be in force during the temporary organization of this convention, and until the permanent organization thereof shall have been effected."

This would be a majority of the 1,013 delegates constituting the full convention. The resolution was first adopted by the Illinois delegation by a vote of 57 to 1. The delegates were frankly told by the leaders, it is said, that they did not have enough votes to control the convention as constituted by the national committee which seated so many of the contested delegates.

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CANDIDATE FACES CHEERING THROG

People Pack Auditorium From Stage to Topmost Balcony.

An Enthusiastic Pandemonium When Roosevelt Discloses Plan of Attack.

Chicago, Ill., June 17.—On the eve of the Republican National Convention Colonel Roosevelt disclosed the line of attack which he will make. He laid down two principles. He said that the delegates whose selection he contests must not vote in the organization of the convention or upon the contests, and made it clear that he would resist. He declared that no action of the convention based upon the votes of these "fraudulently seated delegates" would be binding upon the Republican party.

It was at the Roosevelt rally in the Auditorium that the ex-President made his challenge. He was facing a cheering throng which jammed the huge building as tightly as the fire marshal would permit. Reaching far to the rear, to the last line of seats and to the top of the topmost balcony, were solid rows of men and women, delegates from every part of the country, Roosevelt leaders and a host of privates in the Roosevelt army. They gave the ex-President a mighty welcome. Colonel Roosevelt made a fighting speech. His hearers were in a fighting mood. They cheered him on and denounced his opponents and shouted to him: "Go at them, Teddy!" "Knock the steam roller!" "Hit them again!"

Long before Roosevelt reached the Auditorium every seat was taken. Outside the building were thousands who were unable to gain admission. Two hundred policemen held them back. Colonel Roosevelt was constantly interrupted in his speech with storms of applause. He frequently departed from his prepared speech for an extemporaneous thrust which brought the people to their feet shouting and waving the flags which were handed to each person on entering the hall.

Made Fight Fair and Square.
"I made my fight square and fair in the open, and I won," he said. "I don't intend that my opponents shall cheat me out of it."

The Colonel gave a new definition of the national committee. "The national committee," he exclaimed, "Who are they? About fifty people with the ratio of honesty ranging from about fourteen to twenty and the remaining thirty sure thing men!"

Colonel Roosevelt began to call the roll of some of his most prominent opponents. At the first he mentioned

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